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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS BRUSSELS FOR SECRETARY  
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DEPT PASS INFO IMMEDIATE TO: SECDEF ISA WASHDC  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR MILI EG US

SUBJ: GOE REQUEST TO CANCEL USS BOULDER VISIT  
TO PORT SUEZ

1. I RECEIVED, DECEMBER 11, MESSAGE FROM RADM CARROLL,  
CTF-65, WHICH WAS SENT TO COMSIXTHFLT AND REPEATED  
ONLY TO CINCUSNAVEUR AND MYSELF, REPORTING REQUEST  
FROM SUEZ AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN MASHHOUR THAT  
USS BOULDER NOT PROCEED TO PORT SUEZ AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED  
PRIOR TO HER FINAL DEPARTURE FROM SUEZ CANAL. RADM  
CARROLL HAD TELEPHONED ME PRIOR TO SENDING MESSAGE TOASK  
FOR AMBASSADOR'S CONCURRENCE IN THIS CHANGE OF BOULDER

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ITINERARY. IN AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE I CONCURRED THAT

MASHHOUR'S REQUEST SHOULD BE HONORED.

2. MASHHOUR HAD EXPLAINED HIS REQUEST BY SAYING THAT BOULDER VISIT TO PORT SUEZ, NO MATTER HOW CLOSELY HELD FROM PRESS, WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS SIGNAL THAT USG SATISFIED CANAL WAS READY FOR SAFE TRANSIT. MASHHOUR STATED THAT, IN FACT, IT WOULD NOT BE UNTIL EARLY APRIL BEFORE NAVIGATION SYSTEM, SIGNAL TOWERS, COMMUNICATIONS, BANK REPAIRS, ETC. ARE COMPLETED. MOREOVER, CANAL WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE OPENED, ACCORDING MASHHOUR, UNTIL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WERE RESOLVED AND THIS WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE UNTIL AT LEAST MID-YEAR.

3. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT GENERAL GOE POLITICAL UNEASINESS, WHICH WAS HEIGHTENED BY RECENT ALLON PUBLIC STATEMENT ABOUT AN EGYPTIAN COMMITMENT REGARDING PASSAGE OF ISRAELI CARGOES AND EVENTUALLY ISRAELI SHIPS THROUGH SUEZ CANAL, IS BEHIND MASHHOUR'S REQUEST. UNDER PRESENT POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES, I COULD SEE NO REASON OR JUSTIFICATION FOR ANY US INSISTENCE ON MAINTAINING SCHEDULED BOULDER VISIT TO PORT SUEZ AND THEREFORE CONCURRED WITH RADM CARROLL THAT GOE WISHES SHOULD BE RESPECTED. MAESTRONE UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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